

Neighborhood Health Screening Worksheet

City of Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan – Health Chapter



Directions: Use this questionnaire checklist to help evaluate the built environment for any issues, concerns or strengths you identify in your neighborhood, your workplace, etc. Feel free to add comments within the table. **Please submit this document by **October 7th** to the City of Eau Claire, Community Development Dept., 203 S. Farwell Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701 or online at: <http://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/comprehensive-plan/health-chapter>.

<u>Key questions</u>	Yes?	Don't Know	No?
Physical Activity/Active Living			
Are you able to conveniently (within 5 minutes) access bike trails from your home? <i>[add any comments here if using electronic version]</i>			
Are you able to conveniently access parks from your home (may include a school yard)?			
Based on where you live are you able to walk or bike to work/do errands?			
Are city parks in your neighborhood adequately developed (playgrounds, trails, benches, ball fields, etc.) to encourage usage?			
If you have children, do you know where your child's Safe Route to School is located?			
Food/Nutrition			
Do you have convenient access to local farmer markets and or community gardens?			
Do you have the ability to create a garden at home? If you rent, does your landlord allow you to install a garden for food?			
If you have children, is your child's school located where fast food restaurants and gas-station convenient stores abound?			
Housing/Land Use/Transportation			
Does your neighborhood contain a variety of housing options for differing populations (life stages and socio-economic backgrounds)?			
Is there a problem with blighted housing and neglected public infrastructure in your neighborhood?			
Do you live where there is a close-by mix of uses (where you can walk to work or do errands)?			
Do you find transportation access to medical facilities a problem?			
Are streets in your neighborhood able to accommodate a variety of users (vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles)?			
Are City bus routes within convenient access from your home/workplace?			
Crime/Safety			
Are there places you know of (dark alleys, nooks, corners, etc.) that lend themselves to potential loitering, panhandling and crime?			
Does the housing in your neighborhood have windows facing the street to encourage more "eyes-on-the-street", thereby deterring potential crime?			
Is speeding a common problem on your block?			

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Crime/Safety continued			
Are there intersections that you know of that are very dangerous and lack safety measures (pedestrian crossing signs, crosswalks, audible crossing signals, etc.)?			
Is public infrastructure (sidewalks, streets, trails, etc.) designed in your neighborhood where people with disabilities can use them (i.e. audible sounds, textured surfaces, ramps, etc.)?			
Drug Use			
Do you find second-hand smoking in the parks you frequent a reoccurring problem?			
Is second-hand smoking a problem if you live in an apartment or rental building?			
Is the concentration or amount of alcohol selling-establishments in your neighborhood causing health problems/crime?			
Environmental			
Does your neighborhood have views of greenery/nature for mental health benefits? (e.g. street trees can evoke a calming effect)			
Are there areas prone to flooding in your neighborhood?			
Are there problem areas in the city that have higher levels of ambient heat? (i.e. areas with a concentration of buildings and pavement tend to be warmer in temperature)			
Is air pollution from traffic, the airport, or industry, etc. a problem where you live/work?			
Is exposure to other pollutants (water, light, noise, lead, landfill, etc.) a concern?			
Is basic sanitation such as trash storage a problem in your neighborhood?			
Does your workplace have any occupational hazards such that the air is unclean, there is mold, concern of fire, lack of daylight, etc.			
Additional Comments/Observations			